

ALCEDO CHLOROCEPHALA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum trigonum, crassum, rectum, longum.

Lingua carnosae, brevissima, plana, acuta.

Pedes gressorii *plerisque*.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 178.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

ALCEDO viridi-cærulea, subtus alba, vertice
viridi nigro marginato.

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Lath. ind. orn. p. 250.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 454.

Insulas Indicas inhabitat elegantissima hæc avis,
magnitudine Alcedinem Europæam sive Ispidan
paulum superans.





THE
GREEN-HEADED KINGFISHER.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill trigonal, thick, strait, long.

Tongue fleshy, very short, flat, sharp-pointed.

Feet gressorial.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Blue-Green KINGFISHER, white beneath, with
green crown margined with black.

Ile Martin-Pecheur a tete verte.

Buff. ois. 7. p. 190.

Pl. Enl. 783. f. 2.

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Lath. syn. 1. p. 620.

This highly elegant species is a native of the Indian islands. Its size somewhat exceeds that of the common European Kingfisher.